

**Set Aside Time Every Day to Read!**  
**Springfield Public Schools Suggested Summer Reading List**  
**GRADE FIVE**

Summer provides a very important time for students of all ages to continue reading books of their own choosing. We know that the more a student is read to and reads independently, the better reader he/she will become. Start the summer off right by setting aside a consistent time of at least one-half hour each day for an enjoyable reading time with your child.

As your child begins to read independently, choosing a “just right” book is important. That means that the book is not too difficult, and your child should be able to read most of the words correctly and without hesitation. Independent reading time should be enjoyable!

The books below are merely suggestions to begin a search for books that will “hook” your child onto reading.

Avi. *Night Journeys*

Avi. *Poppy*

Basher, Simon. *Basher Astronomy*

Bauer, Marion. *On My Honor*

Bloca, Brian. *Moonshot*

Briggs, Andy. *Hero.Com: Rise of the Heroes*

Byars, Betsy. *The Midnight Fox*

Cammuso, Frank. *Knights of the Lunch Table #2*

Carman, Patrick. *Skeleton Creek #1 and #2*

Clayton, Sally Pomme. *Persephone*

Clements, Andrew. *Extra Credit*

Cohen, Barbara. *Thank You, Jackie Robinson*

Creech, Sharon. *Absolutely Normal Chaos*

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*

Dahl, Roald. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Dakos, Kalli. *If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand*

DK Publishing. *Ask Me Anything*

Freimuth. *Extreme Skateboarding Moves*

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Lily's Crossing*

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Wild Girl*

Gifford, Clive. *10 Inventors Who Changed the World*

Graff, Lisa. *Umprella Summer*

Green, Tim. *Football Champ*

Hiaasen, Carl. *Scat*

Haven, Paul. *The Seven Keys of Balabad*

Kaye, Marilyn. *Gifted: Out of Sight, Out of Mind*

Kehret, Peg. *Runaway Twin*

Kennedy, Marlane. *The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes*

Korman, Gordon. *Zoobreak*

Lee, Tony. *Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood*

Moss, Marissa. *Max Disaster #1: Alien Eraser to the Rescue*

Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia*

Paterson, Katherine. *The Great Gilly Hopkins*

Paulsen, Gary. *Mr. Tucket*

Paulsen, Gary. *Mudshark*

Peck, Richard Newton. *Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories*

Petrucha, Stefan. *Diary of a Stinky Dead Kid*

Potter, Ellen. *Slob*

Queen Rania of Jordan, *The Sandwich Swap*

Russell, Rachel Renee. *Dork Diaries: Tales From a Not-So-Fabulous Life*

Sachar, Louis. *Holes*

Shapiro, Ouisie. *Autism and Me: Sibling Stories*

Shreve, Steve. *The Adventures of Benny*

Sinykin, Sheri Cooper. *The Secret of the Attic*

Smith, Miranda. *Navigators: Animals*

Spinelli, Jerry. *Crash!*

Stephens, Sarah Hines. *Show Off*

Trumble, Kelly. *Cat Mummies*

Vernon, Ursula. *Dragonbreath*

Viorst, Judith. *Sad Underwear and Other Complications*

**Series books that are most popular with intermediate readers:**

*American Girl*– various authors

Applegate, K. A. *Animorphs*

*Babysitter's Club* – various authors

Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona*

Jones, Dadey, Debby and Marcia. *The Bailey School Kids*

Osborne, Mary Pope. *The Magic Tree House*

Parks, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones*

Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter*

Stine, R. L. *Goosebumps*

Warner, Gertrude. *Ramona*

Warner, Gertrude. *The Box Car Children*